

Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation

“Multi-dimensional measurements of government (in)stability”

organized by

The Israel Science Foundation (ISF), the Western Galilee College and the school of Political Science,
Government and International Affairs, Tel-Aviv University

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The Western Galilee College, conferences room, student house

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Sunday 14, 2023

12:00 – 12:30: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Professor Osnat Akirav and Dr. Yael Shomer the workshop organizers.
- Professor Nissim Ben-David, President, The Western Galilee College.
- Professor Itai Sened, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Tel Aviv University.

12:30 – 13:30: *Lunch Break*

13:30 – 15:30: **Governments and Prime Ministers.**

Chair: Yael Shomer

- Itai Sened: Multiparty Democracies in Crisis: Legitimate Enemies and Best Responses – and What Does it all Mean in the End – A Multidimensional Analysis of Government (in)Stability? [discussant: Jonas Lindahl]
- Maoz Rosenthal: The Alternating Prime Minister as a Political Institution: Power-Sharing in the Era of Personalisation, Presidentialization and the Erosion of Political Parties [discussant: Alon Yaktar]
- Martin Ejnar Hansen: Serving Dual Masters? Examining Ministerial Termination in Multiple Arenas (co-author: Peter Heyn Nielsen). [discussant: Daniela Giannetti]

15:30 – 15:45: *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 17:45: **Roundtable: Democratic backsliding in Israel** (in memory of Professor Gad Barzilai)

Moderator: Osnat Akirav (The Western Galilee College)

- Nissim Ben-David, President, The Western Galilee College
- Gayil Talshir, Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University.
- Itai Bar-Siman-Tov, Law school, Bar Ilan university

18:30 – 20:30 *Dinner*

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Monday 15, 2023

9:00 – 11:00: **Ministers and government stability**

Chair: Lior Sheffer

- Daniela Giannetti: The Impact of Cabinet Reshuffles on Government Survival: Evidence from Five West European Countries (1960-2014) [discussant: Johan Hellström]
- Jose' Antonio Cheibub: The Empirics of Government Formation and Termination in Parliamentary Democracies: A Dataset of Parliamentary Events. [discussant: Yael Shomer]
- Bjorn Erik Rasch: Portfolio allocation in parliamentary governments [discussant: Hansen Martin Ejnar]

11:00 – 11:15: *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 13:15 **Electoral, Post-Electoral and Legislative Dynamics**

Chair: Martin Ejnar Hansen

- Lior Sheffer: Differentiating the Sources of Post-Election Partisan Affect Warming [discussant: Osnat Akirav]
- Alon Yakter: Collective Identity and ideological dimensions in a protracted conflict over time: Examining Israeli voting patterns in the 21st Century (co-authors: Yaniv Shapira and Liran Harsgor) [discussant: Tristan Klingelhöfer]
- Ram Hardy: How well do different counting methods represent social choice? [discussant: Sona Golder]

13:15 – 14:15: *Lunch Break*

14:30 – 18:30 A tour of the Baha'i gardens and the old city of Acre

18:30 – 20:30 *Dinner*

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Tuesday 16, 2023

9:00 – 11:00: **Parties and government stability**

Chair: Daniela Giannetti

- Sona Golder: Connecting Parliamentary Party Instability and Government Instability [discussant: Cheibub Jose' Antonio]
- Csaba Nikolenyi: Party Switching and Government Stability [discussant: Amir Freund]
- Johan Hellström and Jonas Lindahl: Government stability in a multidimensional policy space – Does salience matter? [discussant: Bjorn Erik Rasch]

11:00 – 11:15: *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 13:15 **Governments and Covid-19 + Concluding Remarks.**

- Amir Freund National Leadership in Time of a Pandemic [discussant: Csaba Nikolenyi]
- Osnat Akirav Four overlapping crises: The challenges of the Israeli parliament and its individual members
- Osnat Akirav and Yael Shomer: Concluding remarks

13:15 – 14:15: *Lunch*